

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 7-9, 13-16, 18 and 19 are pending herein. Claims 8, 13 and 15 have been amended, and new claims 18 and 19 have been added hereby.

Examiner Hess is thanked for courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during telephonic interviews on November 24 and November 30, 2009, during which time Examiner Hess indicated that this application would be in condition for allowance if the claims were amended as outlined above.

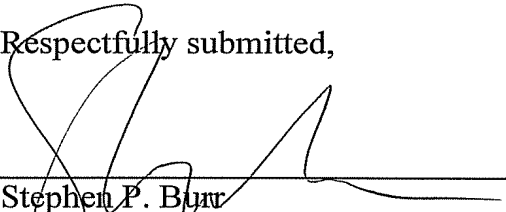
Should Examiner Hess deem that any further action by the Applicants would be desirable in placing this application in even better condition for issue, he is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

November 30, 2009

Date

Respectfully submitted,


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